

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 22, 2025

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Special Organizational Session on Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 5:30 P.M. in the Benton Consolidated High School Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Mitch Bennett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Robin LaBuwi, Stacia Sloan, Jay Copple, Mitch Bennett and Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Visitors: Amy Kolodziej, Aaron Lewis and Parker Johnson.

4. ADJOURN BOARD OF EDUCATION SINE DIE Shane Cockrum made a motion to adjourn the current board. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

5. DECLARATION OF CANVASS RESULTS FROM ELECTION AUTHORITY Election results were presented by Superintendent Johnson.

6. SEAT NEW BOARD MEMBERS-OATH OF OFFICE Shane Cockrum administered the oath of office to Mark Minor, Marci Glover, Robin LaBuwi and Mitch Bennett.

7. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE Shane Cockrum made a motion to appoint Superintendent Benjamin Johnson as president pro tempore. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

8. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

9. ROLL CALL Board members present: Mark Minor, Marci Glover, Robin LaBuwi, Stacia Sloan, Jay Copple, Mitch Bennett and Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Visitors: Amy Kolodziej, Aaron Lewis and Parker Johnson.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of President: Shane Cockrum nominated Mark Minor for President. Hearing no further nominations, upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Stacia Sloan – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, and Marci Glover – yes. Mark Minor is elected President.

Election of Vice-President: Robin LaBuwi nominated Shane Cockrum for Vice-President. Hearing no further nominations, Shane Cockrum was elected Vice President by acclamation.

Election of Secretary: Robin LaBuwi nominated Marci Glover for Secretary. Hearing no further nominations, Marci Glover was elected Secretary by acclamation.

11. APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO FRANKLIN-JEFFERSON SPECIAL EDUCATION

GOVERNING BOARD Shane Cockrum made a motion to appoint Robin LaBuwi as the representative to the Franklin-Jefferson County Special Education Governing Board. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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12. REVIEW/APPROVE BOARD MEETING TIMES/DATES Jay Copple made a motion to approve the board meeting times and dates as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of the meeting times and dates have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

13. DESIGNATE BANKS OF DEPOSITORY FOR DISTRICT FUNDS Robin LaBuwi made a motion to designate People's National Bank as the depository for district funds and US Bank, State Bank of Whittington, and Legence Bank as depositories for investment of district funds. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

14. REVIEW/APPROVE TREASURER AND BOARD RECORDING SECRETARY STIPENDS Jay Copple made a motion to approve the following treasurer and recording secretary stipends. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Board Treasurer Stipend \$2500

Board Recording Secretary Stipend \$2500

Longevity Bonus for Extra Duties

Years % of Base Stipend

0-3 0

4-6 10

7-10 15

11-15 20

16-20 25

21+ 30

*Continuous service will be used to determine years of experience for the longevity bonus.

**Any break in service will result in forfeiture of years of experience for the longevity bonus.

15. APPOINT TREASURER AND BOARD RECORDING SECRETARY Shane Cockrum made a motion to appoint Kenise Head as the board treasurer and the board recording secretary. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

16. NEW BUSINESS

16.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the leave request from Alyssa Mitchell as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

16.2 Award OMNI Energy Partners a Performance Contract for the Summer 2025 Robin LaBuwi made a motion to award OMNI Energy Partners a Performance Contract for the Summer 2025 renovations. Authorizing the Superintendent to sign the contract upon satisfactory Legislation Review by a 3rd Party Professional Engineer or Licensed Architect. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum exited the meeting at 6:01 P.M.

16.3 Award 3rd Party Peer Review of OMNI Energy Partners Performance Contract in accordance with the requirements set forth by 105 ILCS 5/ Article 19b to Design Mechanical Inc. Robin LaBuwi made a motion to award Design Mechanical Inc the 3rd Party Peer Review of OMNI Energy Partners Performance Contract. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

17. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

18. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

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19. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 P.M. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.



BOARD PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY